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1. FOLLOWING IS JULY 16-19 SUMMARY OF NEWS ARTICLES OF INTEREST.
2. JULY 25 NEWSWEEK HAS DE BORCHGRAVE EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH GISCARD D'ESTAING WHO IS QUOTED AS SAYING, AMONG OTHER THINGS:
A) "MR. CARTER'S FOREIGN POLICY HAS COMPROMISED THE PROCESS OF DETENTE." B) IN REFERENCE TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S PLAYBOY INTERVIEW REMARKS ON CUBAN TROOPS: "PRESENCE OF LARGE NON-AFRICAN MILITARY CONTINGENTS IN AFRICA IS A DESTABILIZING FACTOR BECAUSE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES FEEL THE NEED TO ARM THEMSELVES AGAINST THEM... THERE ISN'T A SINGLE AFRICAN LEADER... WHO WOULD NOT TELL YOU IN PRIVATE THAT HE ARDENTLY WISHES THE CUBANS WOULD GO HOME." C) "WESTERN MILITARY SPECIALISTS THINK THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE NOW TAKEN A MILITARY LEAD WHILE THE SOVIETS BELIEVE THAT THE U.S. IS DETERMINED TO RECAPTURE THE LEAD. WE ARE IN A SITUATION OF MUTUAL DISTRUST, AGGRAVATED BY THE NEW IDEOLOGICAL DIMENSION ON THE HUMAN-RIGHTS FRONT." D) ON SOVIET
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ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA: "WHEN A VACUUM IS CREATED, AS WAS THE CASE IN ANGOLA, THE FILL IT. THE SAME THING HAS JUST HAPPENED IN ETHIOPIA. BUT WHEN THE VACUUM WAS PRE-EMPTED BY OTHERS, THE SOVIETS DID NOT PERSIST. IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, ON THE CONTRARY, THERE IS A GRAND STRATEGY AND HERE, OF COURSE, THERE IS A LINK WITH THEIR PRESENCE IN CERTAIN PARTS OF EASTERN AFRICA."

3. MOST NEWS MEDIA ARE COVERING CHANGE IN U.S. POSITION ON U.N. MEMBERSHIP FOR VIETNAM, AND THE IMMINENT SECURITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF SUCH MEMBERSHIP. AMBASSADOR MCHENRY'S STATEMENT IN COUNCIL TODAY RECEIVED WIDE COVERAGE.

4. WIRE SERVICES JULY 19 FILED FROM LONDON ON AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S COMMENTS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN RHODESIA WITH EMPHASIS ON HIS STATEMENT THAT U.S. AND U.K. WILL PRESS AHEAD FOR PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE DESPITE "DESPERATE" MOVES OF IAN SMITH.

5. JOHN BURNS IN JULY 17 NYTIMES WRITES FROM JOHANNESBURG THAT " YEAR AFTER (SOUTH AFRICA'S) TENUOUS POLITICAL EQUILIBRIUM WAS SHATTERED BY THE SOWETO RIOTS, ENGLISH-SPEAKING WHITES ARE LEAVING IN UNPRECEDENTED NUMBERS".

6. ANN CRITTENDEN IN JULY 17 NYTIMES REPORTS THAT A STUDY BY WASHINGTON-BASED CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL POLICY (FINANCED BY FUND FOR PEACE) CONCLUDES U.S. STILL PROVIDES "SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT TO REGIMES THAT ALLEGEDLY VIOLATE HUMAN RIGHTS, AND IS STEPPING UP AID TO ONE OF THEM-- INDONESIA."

7. NEWS MEDIA HAVE REPORTED ON AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S REMARKS ABOUT NEW YORK POWER FAILURE ("YOUNG TIES THEFTS TO UNCLASSIFIED

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HUNGER IN N.Y."-- ATLANTA JOURNAL), SO OFFENBURGER LOOKED UP SOMETHING DR. KING SAID TEN YEARS AGO: "A MILLION WORDS WILL BE WRITTEN AND SPOKEN TO DISSECT THE GHETTO OUTBREAKS, BUT FOR A PERCEPTIVE AND VIVID EXPRESSION OF CULPABILITY I WOULD SUBMIT TWO SENTENCES WRITTEN A CENTURY AGO BY VICTOR HUGO: 'IF THE SOUL IS LEFT IN DARKNESS, SINS WILL BE COMMITTED. THE GUILTY ONE IS NOT HE WHO COMMITS THE SIN, BUT HE WHO CAUSES THE DARKNESS.'".
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